binding site[,], wherein only one of the two nucleic acid-binding domains includes a zinc finger motif, and wherein the two nucleic acid-binding domains [domains]

(i) do not occur in the same protein in nature;

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- (ii) do not occur in the same protein in nature in the order in which they are present in the chimeric protein; or
- (iii) do not occur in nature with the same spacing that is present in the chimeric protein.
- 57. (Amended) The nucleic acid of claim 40, wherein the chimeric protein further comprises [a functional] an additional domain.
  - 58. (Amended) The nucleic acid of claim 57, wherein the [functional] additional domain is a regulatory domain.
- (Amended) The nucleic acid of claim 57, wherein the [functional] additional domain is a nucleic acid cleavage domain.
- 65. (Amended) The nucleic acid of claim 57, wherein the [functional] additional domain is selected from the group consisting of a domain interacting with a cellular component, a domain which controls the stability of the chimeric protein, and a domain which controls subcellular localization.
  - 76. (Amended) The method of claim 75, wherein the chimeric protein further comprises [a functional] an additional domain.
  - 77. (Amended) The method of claim 76, wherein the [functional] additional domain is a regulatory domain.
  - 94. (Amended) The nucleic acid of claim 57, wherein the [functional] additional domain is heterologous with respect to the two nucleic acid-binding domains.